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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 26, line 43: "that the other node can" should be changed to --that the other bridge node can--.

Column 27, line 29: "and another staff on node," should be changed to -- and another station node,--; line 42, "plurality nodes an RPR MAC" should be changed to --plurality of bridge nodes an RPR MAC--.

Column 28, line 31: "a determining operable to" should be changed to --a determining unit operable to--.

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